



# Town of North Reading

## Health Department & Public Safety Division

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### ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M. DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE

TOWN OF NORTH READING TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT  
OTHERS FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

Please read this Order carefully. On March 20, 2020, the North Reading Board of Health declared a Public Health Emergency in the Town of North Reading.

Pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency on March 20, 2020, in accordance with G.L.c.111, § 95 through 105 and 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and any other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the Board of Health of the Town of North Reading, Massachusetts, in order to take additional measures to protect the public health during the COVID-19 public health emergency in light of current conditions, including an expected surge in COVID-19 cases, hereby order the following:

- a. **All members of the public entering any essential business** as defined by Governor Baker's COVID-19 Executive Orders, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, farm stand stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, banks, ice cream manufacturers/dairies, government agencies, liquor/beer/wine stores, convenience stores, and the like, **must wear a facial covering, such as a fabric mask, scarf or bandana, over their nose and mouth.** The facial covering does not have to be a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders. See this link for information on making a cloth facial covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-facecoverings.html>
- b. **All members of the public entering a restaurant or drive-thru** for the purpose of picking up food for take-out or medication **must wear a facial covering** over their nose and mouth.
- c. **All employees of all essential businesses open to the public shall wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose.** Employers and employees must also comply with all applicable CDC and DPH protocols and guidelines for their particular business, which may include recommendations and/or directives concerning the use of personal protective equipment, such as gloves. Essential businesses open to the public shall use discretion for occupational health hazards regarding the use of facial coverings (i.e. cooks over grills, employees using machinery, etc.) and exercise best professional judgment on use of facial coverings or not during such occupational operations.
- d. **Food/Goods delivery personnel** shall wear facial coverings over their nose and mouth when delivering the food/goods to the customer if there is a person-to-person exchange. Employees are required to comply with this requirement contingent upon the ability of their employer to supply facial coverings.
- e. **Any resident or member of the general public, including workforce, entering or exiting a residential or commercial building complex** of greater than one (1) unit must wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth while in common areas and communal spaces and must exercise social distancing in these spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines. See these guidelines at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>.
- f. Each applicable essential business shall post signage at public and employee entrances requiring facial coverings and social and physical distancing of six feet from one another. Attached is a template example.
- g. Sections A through F in this order will be enforceable under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111 Section 122.

- h. All persons are required to properly dispose of all gloves, facial coverings and other personal protection equipment or other potentially virus-contaminated items in appropriate disposal bins. Penalties for failure to properly dispose of these materials will be in accordance with state and local law. In accordance with the Town of North Reading "Emergency Declaration" those who improperly dispose of gloves, facial coverings, and other materials may be fined up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per offense.

This emergency order shall be effective beginning APRIL 18th, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M. and remain in effect until the Public Health Emergency declaration issued by the Board of Health has been lifted. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Board of Health officials and North Reading Police Officers.

The North Reading Board of Health order authorizes the Public Health Director or Public Health Nurse to further enhance physical and distancing procedures or requirements upon discretion and direction.

FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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